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RE: MUR 5575

Alaska Democratic Party
Tony Knowles for US Senate Committee

Dear Mr. McKeever:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on October 20, 2004, concerning the Alaska Democratic Party and the Tony Knowles for US Senate Committee.

Based on your complaint, on April 3, 2006, the Commission found that there was reason to believe that the Alaska Democratic Party and Marge Kaiser, in her official eapacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(2)(A), 441a(d), 441a(f) and 441d(a) and that the Tony Knowles for US Senate Committee violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and instituted an investigation of this matter. After the investigation was conducted and the General Counsel's Briefs and the Respondents' Brief were considered, the Commission found that there was no probable cause to believe that the Alaska Democratic Party and Rolando Rivas in this official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(2)(A) and 441d(a) and that the Tony Knowles for US Senate Committee and Leslie Ridle in her official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f). Accordingly, the file in this matter was closed on May 19, 2009. Factual and Legal Analyses explaining the Commission's reason-to-believe findings are enclosed. A Statement of Reasons explaining the Commission's decision to find no probable cause to believe will follow.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003).

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8). If you

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have any questions, please contact Christine C. Gallagher, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Sidney Rocke

Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

Factual and Legal Analyses (2)